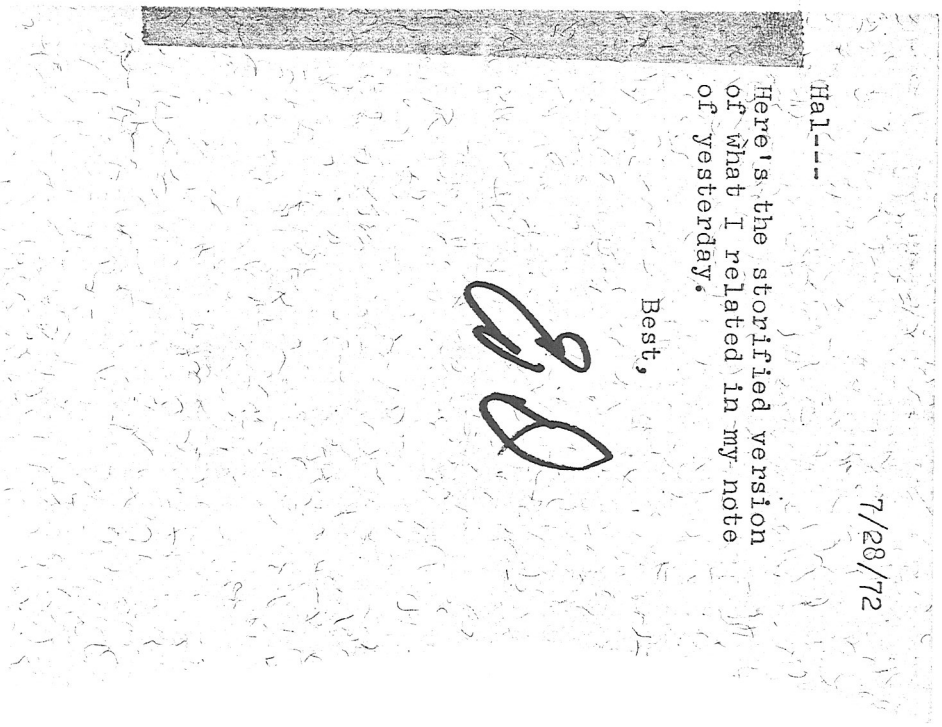
7/31/92 Ed, thanks for the toughtfulness of the stamped envelope and the unattributed 7/26/72 "Panther trial 'perjury' disclosed", as biased a headline as the matching story. This dishonesty is not relieved by the below-lead quote of Sears. Happily (for me) he, a qualified lawyer, says precisely what I had earlier told you, that all of this, whether cuplable, innocent or faked, is utterly irrelevant to the charges before the court or any of the contents of the indictment or evidence presented to the grand jury. This is classic whorehouse music to which the whores and pimps of the press dance to which they expect the readers to whistle.

That Romiti permits them to be considered is self-description. He has to be a Daley pocket, a machone hack, for the most that in my opinion could honestly be done to them would be to give them to respondents in the damage suit, to whom they'd have been available under doscovery and to whomthey'd have been delivered if the defense counsel had had the perspicacity to ask a very obvious question.

If you will look at the chapter The Witnesses you will find that far back I said eye-wtinesses are the least dependable sources in major, dramatic events. If there is anything wrong or tainted about the tangible evidence at the scene of thecrime, the taint is 100% the fault of the defendants and it is, in fact, the essence of the chrages to which they now answer. I find it impossible to believe they could or would have been able to isolate and destroy the projectiles and the empty hulls allegedly now involving some of the victims. But if they did this impossible thing, or had any motive for it, have they not thereby proven their own guilt to the present charges and more?

Without knowing more than I do, I'd be inclined to wonder at the sudden surfacing of unsigned statements so long after anyone can have clear recall. Real mysterious, even for Crook County, where anything can happen. Again thanks, HW



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Here's the storified version of what I related in my note of yesterday.

Best,

Harold